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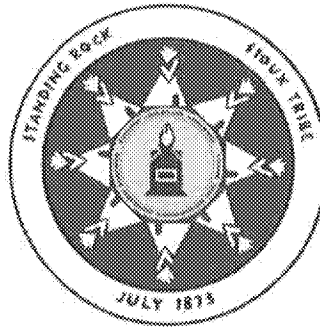
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By email to Robinson.valois@epa.gov

December 9, 2019

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512

Dear Ms. Robinson:

I write to reiterate the objections of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to the Class III and Class V Underground Injection Control Permits for the Dewey Burdock Uranium Project. Our Tribe submitted comments and expressed our opposition to the draft permits published by EPA in 2017. (*SRST Letter to Valois Shea*, June 19, 2017). The revised permits in the above-referenced docket are even worse than the original drafts.

I am requesting a government-to-government meeting with EPA to articulate our concerns with the revised draft permits, environmental justice report and National Historic Preservation Act section 106 compliance. We are concerned with the extent that in issuing the revised permits, the EPA ignored our

Tribe's comments to the 2017 drafts. Specifically, EPA failed to address our comments relating to the interconnection of the Minnelusa and Madison formations and with surface water in the Cheyenne watershed, the over-reliance on biased data provided by PowerTech, and the import of the 1851 and 1868 Fort Laramie Treaties. The revised permits actually increase the risk of ground and surface water contamination, and will enhance the difficulty with the detection of ground water contamination. Our Treaty rights continue to be violated.

I understand that this letter and future Tribal correspondence relating to the Dewey Burdock UIC permits will be part of the public record for this EPA Region 8 docket. Please contact Standing Rock Department of Water Resources Director Doug Crow Ghost at dcrowghost@standingrock.org, (701) 854-8534, or Environmental Protection Agency/ Department of Environmental Regulation Program Director Allyson Two Bears at atwobears@standingrock.org, (701) 854-3823 to arrange a government-to-government meeting with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe on this important issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Faith, Jr.", written over a faint circular stamp.

Mike Faith, Jr., Chairman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe